



Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green** has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism, and these practices are considered the required minimum for participation in the program. However, **Virginia Green** encourages its participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations; and this profile provides a full list of all their "green" activities. These are the activities that guests / customers can expect to find when they visit this facility.

Virginia Green Profile:

Westmoreland State Park Murphy Hall Conference Center

Montross, Virginia

Westmoreland State Park is located along the Potomac River in Westmoreland County and was one of the six original state parks opened in 1936. The park was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and offers hiking, camping, cabins, fishing, boating, swimming in an Olympic sized swimming pool in season, a visitor's center, and conference center. The conference center is a historic 1936 CCC facility with a main meeting room with a capacity of 65-138, a glassed in porch, deck, service kitchen, and an executive board room that seats 26.

Virginia Green Activities. When visiting the Westmoreland State Park – Murphy Hall Conference Center, you can expect the following practices:

CORE ACTIVITIES for Conference Centers

- ♻️ **Recycling**
- ♻️ **Reducing use of Styrofoam and Disposables**
- ♻️ **Water Efficiency**
- ♻️ **Energy Conservation**
- ♻️ **Green Conferences & Events**

DETAILS

- Recycling of glass, aluminum cans, plastic and newspaper
- Tracking of overall waste bills
- Eliminating use of Styrofoam

- Using dishware and glassware to minimize use of disposables
- Providing condiments in bulk
- Using refillable water pitchers to reduce use of disposable plastic bottles
- Effective food inventory control to minimize waste
- Purchasing recycled-content paper, paper-towels and toilet tissue
- Purchasing from vendors and service providers with a commitment to the environment
- Using 2-sided printing and copying
- Use of electronic correspondence and forms
- Purchasing durable equipment and furniture
- Using reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing and vehicles
- Last-in/first-out inventory and effective labeling systems
- Preventative maintenance of drips and leaks
- High efficiency dishwashers
- Discouraging water-based clean-up (sweep first)
- Effective landscape management plan
- Using rain barrels
- Using high efficiency compact fluorescent light bulbs in all canned spotlights and in rooms
- High efficiency Heating and Air Conditioning (HVAC) and use ceiling fans
- Individual thermostats in each room
- Purchasing EnergyStar computers, appliances, etc.
- Thermal rated windows and insulation
- Striving to maintain a “BlueGreen” environment friendly facility
- Encouraging others who use the facility to practice “BlueGreen” events by: using technology over paper, practicing the 3 R’s, purchasing in bulk, providing local, seasonal produce, turning out lights, and conserving water

For more information on the **Westmoreland State Park – Murphy Hall Conference Center**, see www.dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks/wes.shtml.

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